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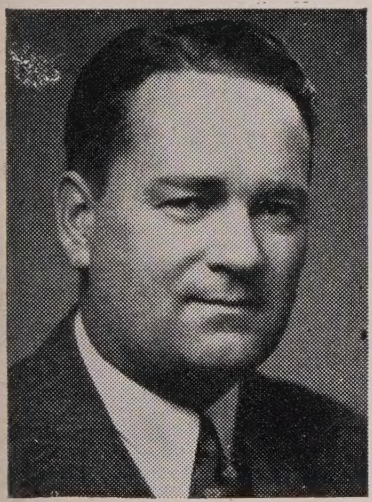
COMMENCEMENT

/ith a graduating class of only seven year but with the distinguished Dr. l C. Empie as preacher, plans for a iificant commencement occasion are ig made by the Seminary itself, the mni Association and the Women's ld. The date is May 3rd. In the ernoon both the Alumni Association the Guild will meet at the Seminary.



Rev. Dr. Paul C. Empie

As usual, a banquet will be held at a ce to be announced later. The grad- ion service will be held in Salem urch and will begin at 8:00 P. M. Special music will be provided by the minary choir, under the direction of ofessor Gieschen.

Gift of Luther's Works

The last issue of The Bulletin carried announcement of the need of some ecial gifts to our library. One of se was a copy of the new American ition of Luther's Works, now in the ocess of being published. Even be- e the Bulletin had reached its read- the A. F. Geyer family of Water- e, Kansas, indicated their desire to ovide that significant work. Central minary expresses genuine appreciation this valuable and lasting gift.

Visiting Groups

We at Central are always happy to have visitors, whether they be committees, other groups or individuals. Recently we have had the following groups as guests:

Women's Missionary Society of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hooper, Nebr. Held their regular monthly meeting in the Saint Timothy Chapel, followed by a social hour in the dormitory parlors.

The United Lutheran Church Women of the St. Mark Lutheran Church, Valley, Nebraska.

The Youth Group of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebr., The Rev. Martin Schroeder, Pastor.

The Luther League of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Washington, Kansas, The Rev. Harvey H. Bernhardt, Pastor.

The Young People of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linn, Kansas, The Rev. August H. Klickman, Pastor.

Visitors Welcomed

Among the recent and heartily welcomed visitors at Central within the past few weeks were the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Royal E. Lesher of Austin, Texas. Dr. Lesher is the President of the Synod of Texas and Louisiana. Another more frequent visitor, and equally heartily welcomed President of Synod is the Rev. Dr. John F. Futchs of the Rocky Mountain Synod. Also President Clemens H. Zeidler, of the Synod in the Central States, is even more frequently on our campus than any other synodical President. Him, too, we are always delighted to have. We rejoice that he finds it convenient to have fairly frequent meetings on our campus with representatives of congregations in his synod.

"The greatest possible danger confronting the church of Christ in America is a possible decadance of the pulpit. Let the pulpit decay, and the cause of Christ is lost. Nothing can take the place of preaching. There is no power under heaven equal to the power of a God-inspired pulpit".—Jefferson

"But the supreme qualification for the ministry is a soul of flame".—Horne

From the President's Heart to Yours

"Mary!" . . . . "Rabboni!" When considered in the context and with their implications, what worlds of meaning in these two words! The essence of the whole Easter story and Gospel is here.

"Mary!" The speaker is our risen Lord. With what tenderness and winsomeness He speaks! She who is addressed is one of those women who in deep devotion were the last to leave the Cross and the first to visit the sepulcher. Finding the tomb empty she wonders "where they have laid him." Sorrow fills her heart and tears her eyes. Even though she both saw and talked with the Lord she did not recognize Him, taking Him to be the gardner until He called her by name—the same name He had used before and now called with so much of the same timbre of voice that His identity was sure. Says Edersheim, "He spake her name in those well-remembered accents, that had first unbound her from sevenfold demoniac power and called her into a new life. It was another unbinding, another call into a new life."

"Rabboni!" All but overwhelmed by what met her eyes, greeted her ears and rushed in upon her loving but distressed heart, she exclaims, "Rabboni!"—Teacher. He who was dead is alive again. In His death He had undergone no essential change.

"Mary." Whatever my name is, He knows it. He calls by name and thus calms my spirit and cheers my heart. He is concerned about me, even me.

As He speaks to me He is recognized for truly, "Never man spake like this man." In His voice are detected the power to release from things dead and deadening and a clarion call to newness of life.

"Rabboni!" Grant me grace, O God, to say it from the heart.

Cordially,

E B Reisler

"Your task is not to send people away from your church saying, 'That was a lovely sermon' or 'What an eloquent appeal!' The one question is: Did they or did they not meet God to-day".—Stewart

Contributions

Our people are generous and we grateful. Especially would we here now express our appreciation of he listed contributions:

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TOTAL .....$1.

The Kahse Bequest

From the estate of the late William T. Kahse, D.D. who pa away in his home in Sidney, Nebra more than a year ago, has recently a check for $1,000. In recognition of contribution a suitable plate will b fixed to the special plaque which h prominently and permanently in narthex of the Saint Timothy Ch Because of his faithful and effe service in the Church in several di ent capacities there will be many many years to rise up and call blessed. Central Seminary is de appreciative of his keen interest generous support.

Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, Presiden the Pacific Seminary, in Fremont to duct the Religious Emphasis Week gram at Midland College, found tim address our faculty and students re ly.

"There is something wrong if a charged with the greatest news in world, can be listless and frigid feckless and dull".—Stewart

Church Vocations Conference

entral will play host to its annual ırch Vocations Conference on April and 21. The conference, a special ject of the seminary student body, llenges the young men who attend devote their lives to church work. s both inspirational and educational nature, and is open to all serious- ded young men of high school age over.

his year's conference will have the . Frederick R. Ludwig, Milwaukee, consin, as its featured speaker and Rev. Roy Wingate, Schuyler, Ne- ska, as Bible Study leader.

The Rev. F. R. Ludwig

dvance registration is being handled he Central States and Iowa Luther gues in their respective synods, and ks have been sent out. Further in- nation may be obtained by writing Dean Sudman at the Seminary.

ne first day's program and the over- ıt housing will be at the Kiwanis s Camp, located due west of High- 77 on the first road north of the te River bridge south of Fremont. egins with the evening meal at 6:00 lay, and ends with a Vesper Service nning at 6:30 P. M. Saturday. There be no charge for those who attend. costs—including meals—are being n care of by interested boards and liaries of the synods.

ne need of our Church for ministers, sionaries and devoted laymen is ıt. It is hoped that this conference help in some small measure to this great need.

The Pastoral Heart

What is meant by such phrase? Simply this: the heart-spirit, attitude and motivation—worthy of the man in whom dwells the spirit of Christ and who has been set aside to be the pastor and undershepherd of God's flock.

Among the essential qualities of such must be mentioned first that of unself- ishness. Despite what we hear and see in others, as well as experience in our own heart, shepherding or serving as a pastor is wholly incongruous with selfishness. The extent to which the pastor is a selfish man is the same ex- tent to which he is an unworthy pastor. As has been pointedly said, "The pastor is to feed and not to fleece his flock." In the first series of the Knubel-Miller Lectures Dr. Walton H. Greever well declared, "A congregation seeking a new pastor could not do better than make the question, 'How selfish is he?' a ma- jor question. A minister may be a good speaker, a good scholar, a good mixer, and a good administrator, but if he is basically selfish his selfishness will ap- pear sooner or later to discount the in- fluence of all other qualities."

Another indispensable quality of the pastoral heart will be revealed in the pastor's desire and design to lead rather than drive his people. Such is the true shepherd's aim—always. One is remind- ed of the story that a traveller in the East once saw a man driving a flock of sheep and said to him, "I thought the eastern shepherds always led their flocks, never drove them," to which the man replied, "Oh, I am not the shepherd, I am the butcher."

But one of the choicest disclosures of the pastoral heart is in Paul's language when, writing to the Thessalonians, he said, "But we are gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her chil- dren." A.S.V. This is a particularly rich figure, especially if we understand, as many scholars do, that the nurse here is one other than the mother. Accord- ingly the pastor becomes the nursemaid to his congregation. He is responsible for those committed to his care. He ministers to those who are his own, and at the same time Another's. He protects, he guides, he feeds, he teaches them. Without reservation he gives himself to them and to the service of them, because he genuinely loves both them and Him Whose they are.

While simply a pastoral heart will not suffice, there is no substitute for it. Without it the minister's preaching may be scholarly and, according to usual standards, eloquent but it lacks the true ring and will prove comparatively inef-

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Capsule Comments

The author of "The Gospel of Lent" in our last issue was Professor Gerhard Gieschen. His name was inadvertently omitted.

The Pre-Lenten Lectures held in the early part of February were the best attended of any similar series yet held. Besides the students and faculty members there were about seventy-five pastors and a few laymen who were present for at least some of the lectures. Too, the response to the lectures was one of warm and genuine appreciation. Our readers are kindly reminded that these annual lectures are made financially possible by a grant from the ULCA Board of Higher Education, for which Central Seminary is deeply grateful.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association met at the Seminary a few days ago and made tentative plans for the afternoon and evening Alumni programs on commencement day, May 3rd. More information will be forthcoming, but let it be said now that effort is being made to insure a large attendance again this year.

President Keisler was the missioner at the Bethlehem Church in Kansas City, Missouri, the first full week in March. From there he went to Springfield, Ohio, to attend a one-day meeting of the presidents of the ULCA seminaries.

With the exception of one man, all seniors have accepted calls. The one exception felt constrained to decline the first call he received.

It appears that four members of the Middler class will take a year out to serve as interns. Central Seminary could have easily placed three times that number as interns.

One of the recent speaking engagements of President Keisler was before the commercial group of Hooper, Nebraska, held in the basement of the Roman Catholic church of that town.

Among the special lecturers at tral recently were 'The Rev. Prof. ald B. Strickler, S.T.D., Chaplair Midland College, and the Rev. Dr. L ence Acker, Omaha, formerly prea of the Missouri Synod's Lutheran H Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, President of United Church Women of the Syno the Central States is expected to b the Seminary on April 12th.

The apartment house for married dents is coming up out of the gro as it were. Footings have been po and the walls will soon be in evid to the passer-by. Look for a pictur these columns at an early date.

Dr. Syre has recently spent a few in New York as a member of the mission on Marriage and Divorce, a preparing the report to the next Co tion of the Church.

Professor Gieschen was the spe some time ago to the Fremont Kiv Club, on the occasion of the inducti the new officers.

With the permission of the past the parents, President Keisler re administered holy baptism to Wayne, the infant son of Studen Mrs. Wayne Carmany, in Saint Tim Chapel.

Dr. Mattson was present some ago for the meeting of the committ the Iowa Synod on Worship, held i Moines.

The Pastoral Heart

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fective, as sounding brass and tin cymbals. Without it he may b efficient administrator but he will buildings and prosecute programs r than build men up in the most faith. Without it his whole mi will be shorn of its spiritual glo deep personal satisfaction and its est fruitfulness in the furtherin Christ's Kingdom.

Should there be pastors or othe siring cards to report memorial gi us we shall be glad to supply them, request.